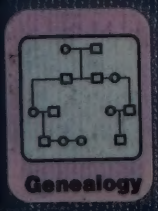
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1850 DARKE CO OHIO CENSUS

GREENVILLE TWP:

MARTZ, John 52 M P farmer
Margera 38 F P
George 20 M O farmer
Jacob 17 M O farmer
Elizabeth 14 F O
William 4 M O

1860 DARKE CO CENSUS

GREENVILLE TWP:

MARTZ, John 67 M P farmer
Margaret 42 F P
William 15 M O

WASHINGTON TWP:

MARTZ Phillip 30 M O labor/ born Musk Co
Susan 24 F V
Mary C 6 F O born Darke Co
Robert 4 M O born Darke Co
Eliza 2 F O born DArke Co

1870 DARKE CO CENSUS

GREENVILLE TWP:

MARTZ, John 72 M P farmer
FULKERT, L.D. 28 M O farmer
Rachel 28 F O
William 7 M O
Jesse 4 M O
Thomas 1 M O
BROWN, Julius 12 M O labor

MARTZ, Jacob 36 M O farmer
Esther M. 29 F O
John 8 M O
Adelbert 1 M O

MARTZ, George H 34 M O treas clerk
Angeline 33 F O
Mary 4 F O
George 2 M O
MC GEE, Mary A. 13 F NY

1880 DARKE CO CENSUS

GREENVILLE TWP;

MARTZ Jacob 46 O/P/P school supt
Esther 40 O/O/O wife
John H. 18 O/O/O son
Delbert 11 O/O/O son

James J 9 O/O/O son
Benjamin 5 O/O/O son
John 82 P/P/P father/ divor

NEAVE TWP;

MARTZ, Aletta 60 O/NY/NY divorce
MICHAEL, Wm C 18 O/O/O son
WIGGINS, May 20 O/O/O nie/servant

1900 DARKE CO CENSUS

ALLEN TWP;

MARTZ, William 6 12/45 O/P/P carpenter
Lydia o/o 5/46 In/P/NC wife
Henry 1/85 Mo/O/P son/ day labor
Carrie 6/92 O/O/In dau

GREENVILLE TWP;

MARTZ, John 15 12/60 O/O/O ins agt
Sarah J. 4/3 5/60 O/V/O wife
Mary E. 2/87 O/O/O dau
Bertha 10/88 O/O/O dau
Ellen L. 3/91 O/O/O dau
HUDDLE, Mary 9/25 Mas/Mas/RI/ mother in law widow

MARTZ, Jacob 40 9/33 O/P/P lawyer
Esther 4/4 5/39 O/P/P wife
James J. 5/72 O/O/O son/ teacher
Benjamin F 12/74 O/O/O son/farmer

MARTZ, Jameson 2 8/67 O/O/O physician
Birtha o/o 7/65 O/O/O wife
CASSOTT, Susanna 2/35 O/P/P mother in law widow 7/6
Susanna 7/75 O/O/O son in law/ mus tchr

MARTZ, George 43 4/31 O/P/P teacher
?nline E 4/2 1/37 O/V/P wife
Mary E. 7/65 O/O/O dau
ROSS, Gertrude 1/1 8/62 Wis/NovSco/NY bdr/ married 13 years
Helen 10?89 Mon/Ia/Wis bdr

1910 DARKE CO OHIO CENSUS

GREENVILLE TWP;

MARTZ, Albert 41 19 O/O/O bank cashier
Lillian 39 2/2 O/O/O wife
Joseph 18 O/O/O son
Beatrice 16 O/O/O dau
NAUES, Ada O/O/O bdr/teacher
FARIS, Mary O/O/O bdr/teacher

MARTZ, James J. 36 7 O/=/= school supt
Farrie 31 O/O/O wife

FOOR, Bell 59 5/3 O/O/O nurse/servant/ married 35 yrs

MARTZ, John 48 26 O/P/P stock dealer
Jennie 49 4/3 O/V/O wife
Mary 23 O/O/O dau/ teacher
Berthia 21 O/O/O dau
Helen 18 O/O/O dau

MARTZ, George H. 78 53 O/P/P
Angaline 73 4/2 O/V/P wife
Mayme E 45 O/O/O dau
Jacob F 77 O/P/P brother/lawyer/widow

DARKE CO CEMETERY RECORDS by Short

GREENVILLE CEMETERY (GREENVILLE TWP)

MARTZ, Jennie 1860-1937
John H. 1861-1929
Paul Huddle 1889-1890

MARTZ, Margaret C 1916-1952
Adelbert 1868-1955
Lillian G 1870-1958
James J. 1872-1951
Fairrie C 1876-1962

DCO MARRIAGES 1817-1850 by Short

MARTZ, John to Margaret Shaver
2-6-1845

1851-1898 MARRIAGES;

MARTZ, Frank J to Mollie Boze
April 6, 1895
MARTZ, George Jamison to Birtha Cassatt
Oct 31,1898
MARTZ, John to Letta Michael
June 22, 1871
MARTZ, Philip to Susan Maria Ross
June 7, 1854
MARTZ, Alletty to Martin Toman
Oct 27,1886

DCO WILL INDEX 1818-1900 by Short

none

DCO WILL INDEX 1900-1910 by Schirack

none

DCO ESTATE INDEX 1818-1905 by Schirack

NAME	CASE #
MARTZ, Esther M	# 4125
MARTZ, John	# 5073
MARTZ, Bertha	# 9269
MARTZ, Mary E et al	# 9269

NEWSPAPERS by Schirack

GREENVILLE DEMOCRAT, March 1,1911 (Wednesday)

Mr Jacob Martz died Tuesday. He was born in Darke Co, in 1833, aged 78 year of age;

GREENVILLE JOURNAL, Jan 8,1914 (Thursday)

George H. Martz, 83 years old, died in his home on Central Ave, Sunday, He leaves his aged wife, 1 daughter & a son Dr G.J. Martz of Indianapolis Ind; He was a brother of the late J.T.Martz, Interment in Greenville cemetery;

GREENVILLE JOURNAL, Feb 19,1914 (Thursday)

Mrs George H. Martz, died of paralysis, Saturday in her home on Central Ave, surviving her husband. only a few week, aged 78 years. Interment in city cemetery;

GREENVILLE JOURNAL, Jan 19,1893 (Thursday)

OBITUARY Susie A. Vales, wife of William Martz, was born at Elnora, Daviess Co,Ind, June 30,1857 & died Jan 5,1893; aged 35 years 6 months 5 days; she was married to William Martz, June 9,1881; Funeral services were conducted at Shooks Chapel;

GREENVILLE JOURNAL, March 2,1911 (Thursday)

Jacob T. Martz, died very suddenly Tuesday in the flagman's shanty on Central Ave, of heart failure. He was born in Darke Co, Sept 14,1833, was the son of John & Rebecca Martz, being aged 77 years 5 months 14 days. He married Esther M. Jamison, at Delware, Ohio, Sept 19,1860; they had 4 sons, John H; Adelbert; James J; & Benjamin F. all living in this city except the latter who resides in Indianapolis,Ind; Interment Greenville cemetery beside his wife;

GREENVILLE DEMOCRAT, May 1,1918 (Wednesday)

Mamie Martz, daughter of Geo Martz, died at the home of her brother, George Martz, in St Paul,Ind,Tuesday April 23, Remains were brought here for burial;

GREENVILLE DAILY, May 29,1937 (Saturday)

Mrs Jennie H. Martz, 77, formerly of Greenville, died yesterday at thehome of a daughter Mrs Mary Allen, at Cody, Wyoming; her maiden name was Huddel; widow of the late John H. Martz; Interment Greenville cemetery; Survived by 3 daughters Mrs Allen; Mrs Helen Uhl of Los Angeles, Cal; Mrs Roland Teegarden, Richmond, Ind; 1 granddaughter; 5 grandsons; a sister Mrs Mary Huddel Jamieson, of Cleveland;

GREENVILLE JOURNAL, Jan 12,1883 (Friday)

OBITUARY; John Martz, was born in Somerset Co, Penn, June 1,1798, died at Greenville, O Jan 5,1883, aged 84 years 7 months 4 days. Emigrated to Muskingum Co, O in 1828; moved to Darke Co in 1829; His first wife died in 1845; leaving 5 children, 3 of whom are still living; Married a second time in 1847 his wife died in 1868 leaving 1 son who now resides in Kansas; He leaves 4 children, 16 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren;

GREENVILLE ADVOCATE, June 10,1929 (Monday)

John H. Martz, 68, died very suddenly Monday, at his home at Hannibal, Wisconsin; Son of the late Jacob T. Martz; He was born in Greenville, moved to Wisconsin 8 years ago. Survived by widow; 3 daughters, Mrs Mary Allen, Cody, Wyoming; Mrs Helen M. Uhl, Los Angeles, Cal; Mrs Bertha Teegardne, Medford, Wis; 6 grandchildren, 1 brother B.F. Martz, Indianapolis, Ind;

GREENVILLE ADVOCATE, June 14,1929 (Friday)

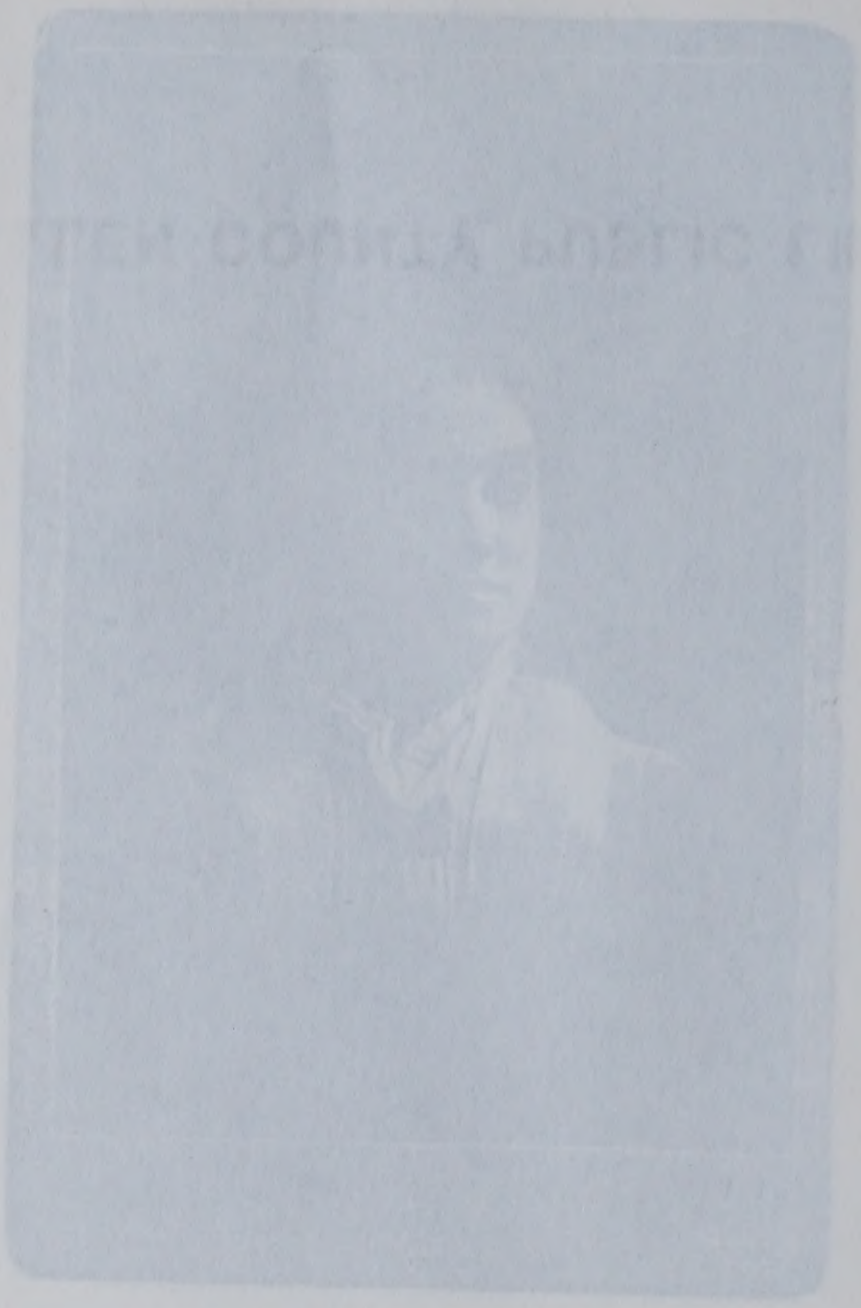
OBITUARY; John H. Martz, was born Nov 8,1861, at Greenville,O, eldest son of Jacob T. & Esther Jamison Martz, died June 10, 1929 of pneumonia in Hanibal, Wisconsin; Married Feb 12,1884 to Jennie Huddle, daughter of Levi & Lucinda Huddle; they had 4 children; 1 son died in infancy; Survived by wife, 3 daughters, 6 grandchildren; 3 brothers;

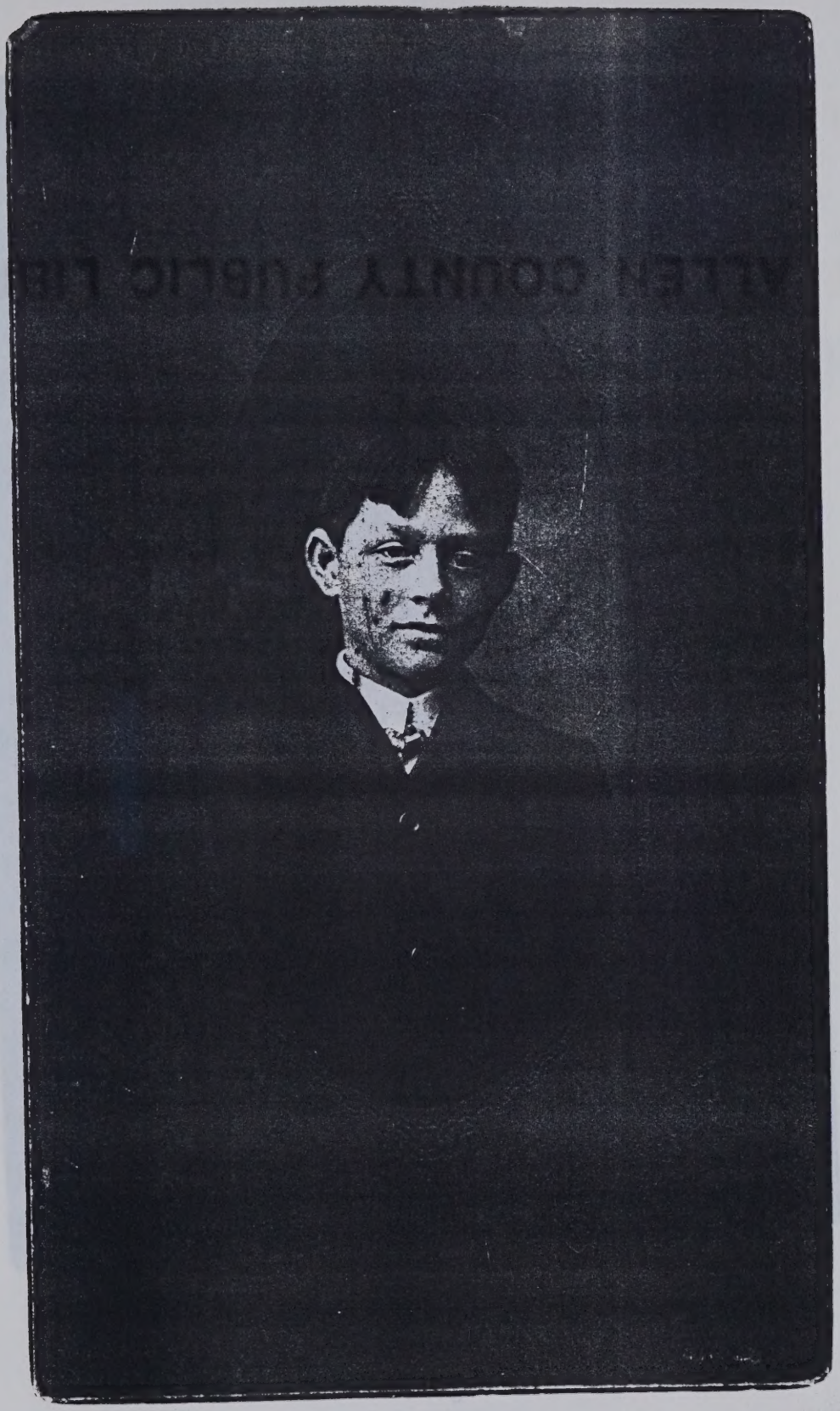
Lillian, Mrs. Burt Martz

Beatrice Mc Caughey
dau of Lillian

Lillian Gabel Mantz

(Mrs Adelbert Mantz)





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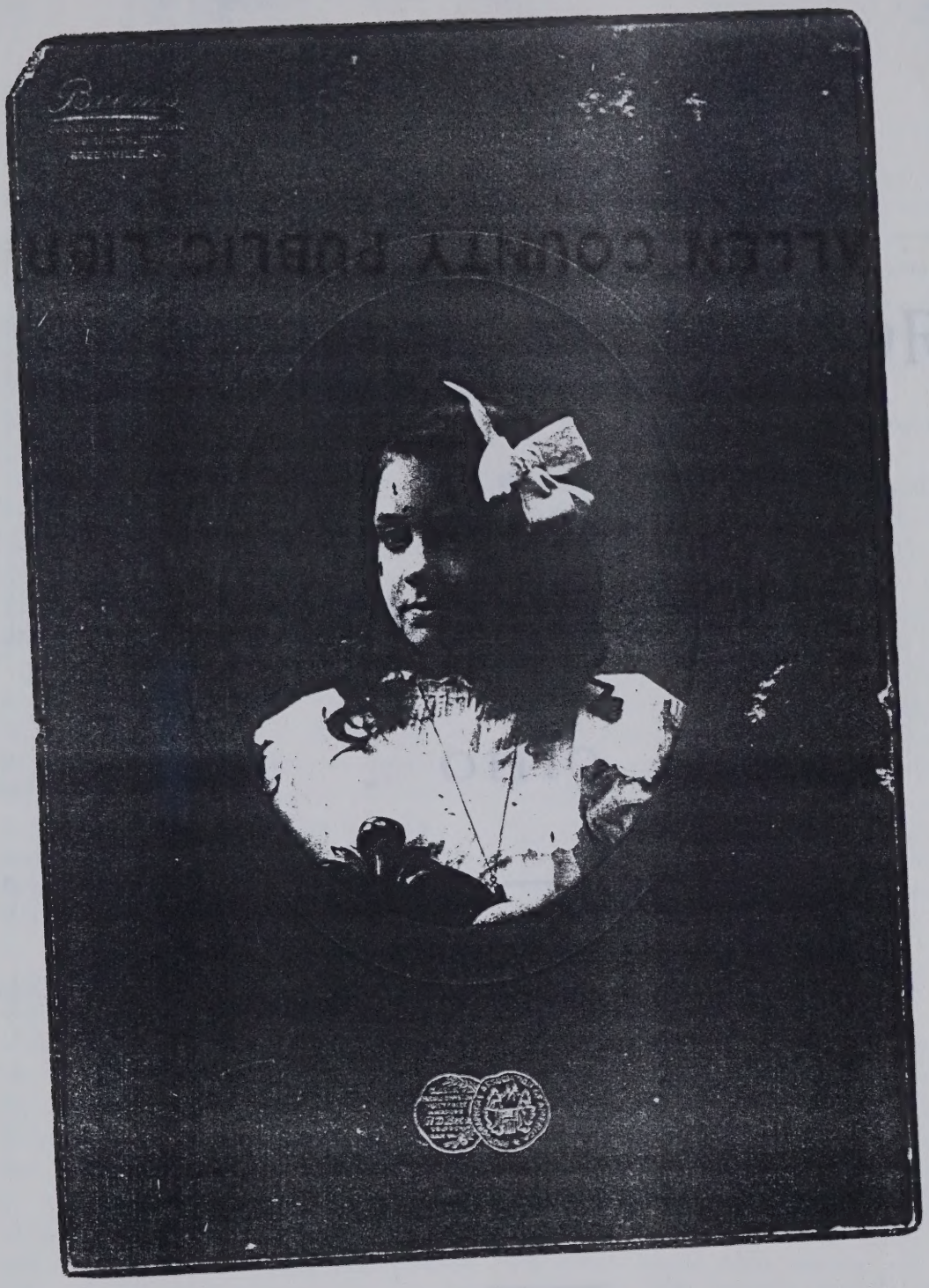

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"J. T. Meeker, admitted to the bar in 1873, was probate judge seven years; retiring, he entered upon the practice of law.

"Of Swan Judy it is said: 'With the natural ability, high legal education, force of character, honest and pure determination that he possesses (health permitting) he is surely destined to reach the summit of his profession within the near future.'

"In the action taken by this bar relative to the death of J. R. Knox occurs the following: 'He despised a court or jury that was not unsullied. He left the world better for having lived therein and his upright life and noble virtues will survive him for the emulation of all who knew him.'

"We note on our list twenty-six deceased members, many of whom have left us no written biography or epitaph, and our knowledge of their qualifications and success in the profession is too limited to even venture a statement. Their lives are before us and we are susceptible in a greater or less degree to their influence, and we believe the influence never dies. No thought, no word, no act of man ever dies. They are as immortal as his own soul. Somewhere in this world he will meet their fruits. Somewhere in the future life he will meet their gathered harvest, it may be and it may not be a pleasant one to look upon. Take care of your influence, consecrate it to virtue, to humanity, and our lives will be like a star glittering in its own mild lustre, undimmed by the radiance of another. Earth is not man's only abiding place. This life is not a bubble cast upon the ocean of eternity to float another moment upon its surface and then sink into nothingness and darkness forever. No, the rainbow and clouds come over us with beauty that is not of earth, and then pass and leave us to muse on their faded loveliness. The stars which hold their festival around the midnight throne and are set above the grasp of our limited faculties, are forever mocking us with their unapproachable glory, and our departed brethren, we trust, are now enjoying those high and glorious aspirations that are born in the human heart, but are not satisfied in this life.

"Brethren, we are born for a higher destiny than that of earth. There is a realm where the rainbow never fades, where the stars will spread out before us like the islands that slumber on the ocean, and where the beautiful impressions that here pass before us like visions will stay in our presence forever. This is that far-away home of the soul, where hill and dale are enriched by divine liberality, the inhabitants clothed in all the beauties of moral perfection, every society cemented by the bond of friendship and brotherhood, and displaying all the virtues of angelic natures. May we not trust that our departed members are now inhabitants of that home, where the storms of this life never beat."

JACOB T. MARTZ.

Jacob T. Martz, lawyer and educator, Greenville, Ohio, was born in Darke county, Ohio, September 14, 1833. He is the son of John Martz, who was born in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, June 1, 1798, settled in Darke county in 1829, and died at the home of his son, January 5, 1883, aged eighty-four years, seven months and four days. His wife, Barbara Hardinger, the mother of our subject, and a native of Bedford county, Pennsylvania, died in 1841.

Jacob T. Martz attended the Ohio Wesleyan University, at Delaware, at which institution he was graduated in June, 1856.

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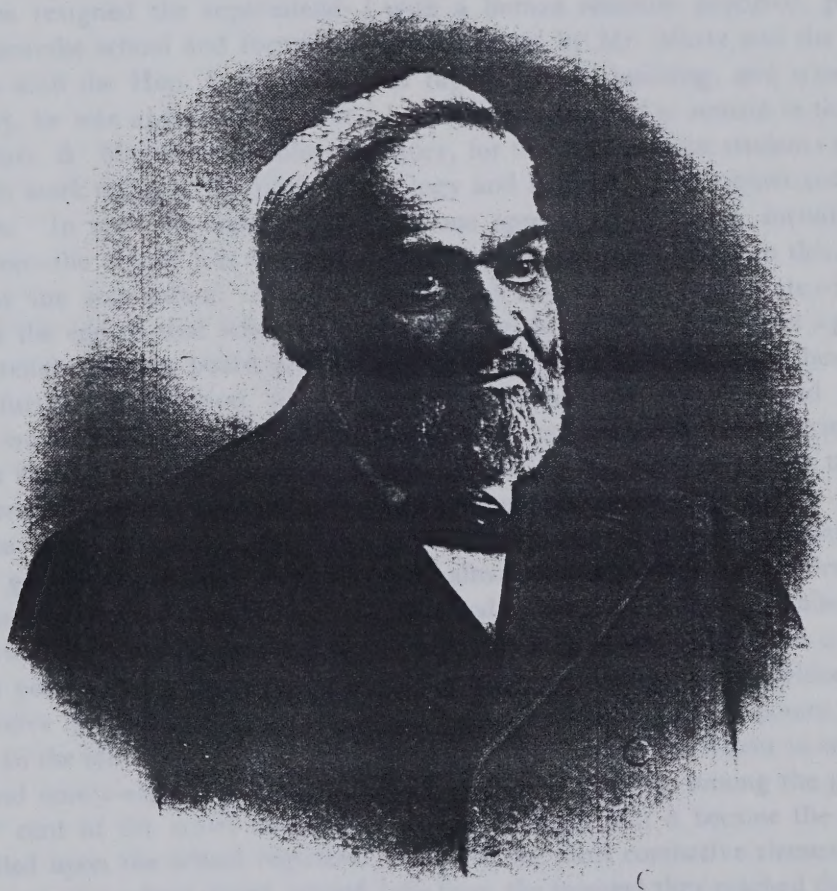

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During the nine succeeding years he was engaged in teaching, and superintending the schools of Greenville. During part of this time, and while engaged in teaching, he also read law under Judge D. L. Meeker, and was admitted to the bar in June, 1860. In March, 1865, he resigned the superintendency of the Greenville school and formed a law partnership with the Hon. J. R. Knox. In August, 1865, he was appointed receiver of the Cincinnati & Mackinaw Railroad Company, which work occupied his time for nearly five years. In 1871 the superintendency of the Greenville school was tendered to him without his solicitation. This he accepted, but at the end of that school year he asked to be relieved by the board of education from further supervision of the school, but his work had been done so well, having brought the schools out of a state of chaos, as it were, to one of order and efficiency, that the board prevailed upon him to continue his good work, which he did for seventeen consecutive years, and closed his labors as superintendent on the 1st of June, 1888. In this year the enumeration in the district was twelve hundred and eleven, and the enrollment in the school for the year was ten hundred and ninety-eight, showing that ninety-one per cent of the entire enumeration was enrolled upon the school registers, while in efficiency the school stood second to none in the state. Under his supervision he saw the school grow so steadily that the corps of teachers was increased from four to twenty-two. When he took charge of the school there was no laboratory, no apparatus and no geological cabinet, except a few ordinary specimens, but, in June, 1888, over six hundred dollars had been expended for educational and philosophical apparatus of various kinds, and there was a large and convenient laboratory arranged with all the modern conveniences, geographical maps and globes, and physiological charts, enabling the teacher to illustrate and explain all the modern methods of teaching, together with a human skeleton procured, prepared and mounted by Mr. Martz and the janitor of the old school building, and which they have kindly permitted to remain in the laboratory, for the benefit of the students in physiology and hygiene. The cabinet containing various specimens of value, including the bones of the mastodon found in this county, and which are in a remarkable state of preservation, are the result of Mr. Martz's personal purchase and labor. During all these years, modern methods of teaching and government were introduced by the superintendent and adopted by the teachers, so that tardiness was measurably controlled by the teacher, and truancy, except in a few chronic cases, was almost a thing of the past. Order, system and good government prevailed in all the rooms and in the deportment of pupils, while improper language was seldom heard on the play-grounds, and so potent was the influence of the superintendent in maintaining order and decorum among the pupils on the play-ground that it became the pride of all, even the most combative element among the boys, the moment they reached the school-grounds to stand upon their good behavior. The high school course of study contained no more branches than could be mastered by every pupil of ordinary intelligence in the five years given to complete the same, while the elocutionary drill and composition writing, in all the grades in which they were taught, strengthened the memory and exercised the reasoning faculties to the great

benefit of the pupils. No partiality was shown in these exercises as all were expected to do their part.

The method of graduation from the high school was Mr. Martz's suggestion and it has been adopted by at least four union schools in this county, and the one hundred and four alumni, all graduated under his supervision, speak of good order, management and efficiency of the school. Superintendent Martz with two other teachers organized the Darke County Teachers' Association in 1859, and though for several years it struggled for existence, yet by his untiring energy and enthusiasm for its success it increased in numbers and interest almost beyond expectation. During the greater part of this time he presided over its deliberations. He was also a member of the board of county school examiners for about twenty-two years, and assisted greatly in advancing the qualifications of the teachers in the county.

He has also taken an active part in developing the resources of the county, and was for six years secretary of the Darke County Agricultural Society, and was mainly instrumental in selling the old grounds of the society and purchasing the large and commodious grounds it now owns. For eight years he was secretary of the first building association organized in this county, having closed out the same, and he has been for more than eight years secretary of the largest company of the kind now doing business in the county. Mr. Martz has always manifested a deep interest in the moral and religious influences in the county, has for a long time been identified with the Methodist Episcopal church, has been superintendent of the Sabbath school for a number of years, and for more than eight years has been recording steward of its official board. For the past years he has been associated with his law partner of 1865 and the mayor of the city of Greenville in the legal profession. He has also assisted in all the local enterprises that were intended to advance the public good; has been associated with the trustees of the Greenville cemetery as their secretary since 1865, and assisted in bringing about that order and system which has resulted in beautifying, adorning and enlarging those grounds to meet the public wants.

On September 19, 1860, he married Miss Esther M., daughter of James H. Jamison, of Delaware, Ohio, with issue of four sons: John H., born November 8, 1861; Adelbert, born September 28, 1868; James J., born May 8, 1872, and Benjamin F., born December 18, 1874. John H. is married and is engaged in farming and raising fine registered stock. Adelbert is also married and is teller of the Greenville Bank. James J. is a teacher in the Greenville high school, and Benjamin F. is engaged in farming his father's place.

WILLIAM COX.

In the year 1816 the Cox family was founded in Darke county, and through the intervening years the name has been inseparably interwoven with the history of this locality on account of the prominent part its representatives have borne in the development and progress of this section of the state. It is therefore with pleasure that we present to our readers the record of William Cox, who is known as a successful and highly esteemed agriculturist of Washington township. His grandparents, Jacob and Eve Cox, were the first of the name of whom we have authentic record. They had eight children, and in 1816 the entire family emigrated west-

Garling and has five children,—Edward, Blanch, Arie, Hiram and Bertha; Ida, the wife of Ira Garling, has one daughter, Opel; John W., who married Edna Coble, has three children,—Ruba A., Bessie M. and Charlie C.; and Nancy, the wife of Harry Henning, has one son, Joseph.

Mr. Clark is a stanch Republican and a member of the Knights of Pythias, affiliating with Fort Black Lodge, No. 546, at New Madison.

DAVID WEAVER.

In the respect that is accorded to men who have fought their way to success through unfavorable environments we find an unconscious recognition of the intrinsic worth of a character which cannot only endure so rough a test, but gain new strength through the discipline. The following history sets forth briefly the steps by which our subject, now a successful merchant of Baker, Ohio, overcame the disadvantages of his early life.

Mr. Weaver is a native of Darke county, born in German township November 4, 1853, and is a son of Henry and Eve (Beachler) Weaver, who were born and reared in Montgomery county, this state, and came to Darke county about 1852. The father, who was born February 8, 1815, is of German descent and a carpenter by trade. His family came to Ohio from Pennsylvania. He is still living at the age of eighty-five years, and now makes his home in Neave township. The mother of our subject died February 7, 1858, aged forty years, one month and two days. They had six children, three of whom reached adult age.

David Weaver, the fourth child and only son of this family who grew to manhood, began life for himself at the tender age of seven years, working at first for his board and clothes. At the age of eleven he became a clerk in a grocery store at Clayton, Montgomery county, and later worked as a farm hand for one man for fifteen years, after which he engaged in farming on his own account for about five years. In 1894 he embarked in his present business at Baker and now carries a well selected stock of general merchandise. He has built up a large trade by fair and honorable dealing and has gained the confidence of all with whom he has come in contact, either in business or social life. Being industrious, energetic and ambitious, he has met with well deserved success, and is now quite well-to-do. With the exception of three years spent in Montgomery county, he has always made his home in Darke county, and is quite widely and favorably known. He is serving as postmaster of Baker and is an active member of the Reformed church.

GEORGE J. MARTZ, M. D.

Among those who are devoting their energies to the healing art in Greenville is Dr. George J. Martz, who was born in the city which is still his home on the 21st of August, 1867, his parents being George H. and Angie E. (Jamison) Martz. His paternal grandfather, John Martz, was a native of Pennsylvania, born in Somerset county June 1, 1798, and in 1829 came to Ohio, taking up his abode in Darke county. George H. Martz, the father of the Doctor, was born upon a farm in Greenville township, Darke county, April 19, 1831. For a number of years he engaged in teaching in Greenville and Darke county. His wife was one of Ohio's native daughters, her birth having

occurred in Delaware county in February, 1837.

Dr. Martz, of this review, acquired his elementary education in the public schools of Greenville and continued his studies in the high school, in which he was graduated in the class of 1887. Subsequently he engaged in teaching in Darke county for a time, and then took up the study of medicine under the direction of Dr. W. H. Matchett, of Greenville. He entered the Ohio Medical College at Cincinnati and on completing the prescribed course in that institution was graduated in March, 1891. In the village of Palestine, Darke county, he began practicing, remaining there for eight years, when, wishing to seek a broader field of labor, he took up his abode in Greenville, where he has since remained. He has gained a prestige which many an older practitioner might envy and excellent results have attended his care of the sick, making him a most successful young medical practitioner with a bright future before him. He has been a close and earnest student of his profession, and in 1899 took a post-graduate course in the Ohio Medical College at Cincinnati, Ohio. He is a charter member of the Darke County Medical Society and also of the Ohio State Pediatric Society.

On the 31st of October, 1898, was celebrated the marriage of Dr. Martz and Miss Bitha Cassatt, of Greenville, a daughter of Rev. J. W. Cassatt, a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church. They enjoy the hospitality of the best homes in the city and their own residence is the center of a cultured social circle. The Doctor is a prominent and valued member of Greenville Lodge, No. 143, F. & A. M., and of the Knights of Pythias, and has represented the latter in the grand lodge. His professional career has been one of continued advancement and his future will undoubtedly be a successful one, for he is a man of strong mentality, which enables him to master the principles of medical science and practice, and at the same time he possesses that deep human sympathy without which no one ever made much advancement as a representative of the medical fraternity.

FRANK LONGENECKER.

Elsewhere within these pages will be found a review which takes into account the ancestral and personal history of Harvey Longenecker, who is associated with his brother, the subject of this review, under the title of Longenecker Brothers, in the manufacture of the duplex and spiral duplex penholders, with headquarters at Beamsville, Darke county, Ohio, the unique and valuable penholders being the invention of Mr. Harvey Longenecker. In the sketch of the latter gentleman, which may be found on another page, more complete details are given in regard to the invention and the reception which has been accorded it, and to that review we are pleased to refer our readers, while incidentally will be also found interesting data in regard to the genealogy of the family of which our subject is a worthy representative.

Frank Longenecker is of pure German lineage in the agnatic line, four brothers of the name having come from Germany to the United States about the beginning of the sixteenth century, and these four being undoubtedly the progenitors of the numerous branches of the family in the Union to-day. Our subject is a native of the county in which he now makes his home, his birth having occurred November 28, 1857, he be-

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reunion from the home of Mrs. W. O. Patty, after a life of eighty-five years, rich in ministrations and usefulness to a large community of people in which he was a friend and counsellor.

ADELBERT MARTZ.

Efficiency and practical application of advanced ideas with regard to finance have marked the career of Adelbert Martz, cashier of The Greenville National Bank, which is located on the corner of Fourth street and Broadway. He has bent every energy in this direction, seeking to broaden and deepen every possible highway of knowledge, to afford the patrons of the bank every facility, and to place upon a firm foundation the credit of his institution. To Mr. Martz and men of his type Darke county owes much of its advance not only in substantial material lines, but on the higher level of good citizenship. Their lives should stand as examples for their associates, and their work honored in the years to come. Mr. Martz was born in Darke county, Ohio, September 28, 1868, a son of Jacob T. and Esther Mary (Jamison) Martz, and grandson of John Martz, and James M. and Elizabeth (High) Jamison.

John Martz and his wife were born in Pennsylvania, where he became a farmer, but moved to Darke county, Ohio, as early as 1816, when he was eighteen years of age. He located on property four miles south of Greenville, and became the owner of 160 acres of government land. This he farmed for many years, but died at Greenville in 1882, aged eighty-four years. His wife died when still comparatively young, having borne him the following children: George H., Jacob T., Elizabeth Rice, Rebecca Boyer, William, and a daughter who died when about eighteen years old. The maternal grandfather, James M. Jamison, and his wife, were also natives of Pennsylvania, who early located at Delaware, Ohio, where Mr. Jamison found good land for his agricultural operations. After many years of useful endeavor, both died, having had a good sized family, among their children being the following: Angeline E., Esther M., George W. Millie H., Lizzie, and Robert H.

Jacob T. Martz was born in Darke county, Ohio, while his wife was a native of Delaware, Ohio. He had more complete educational advantages than fall to the lot of most farmers' sons, as he was graduated from the Ohio Wesleyan University

at Delaware, Ohio, in 1858, having taken the classical course. Following this he took up the study of law, and practiced his profession for many years, attaining to distinction in it. A man of unusual ability he naturally became a distinctive factor in the life of his community and served as city superintendent of schools from 1867 to 1888. In the latter year he resumed the practice of law and so continued until his death on February 28, 1911, when he was seventy-eight years old. His wife had passed away in 1902, aged sixty-two years, dying, as did he, firm in the faith of the Methodist church, of which during life they had been earnest and conscientious members. Their children, four in number, were: John H., who resides at Greenville; Adelbert; and James J., who also resides at Greenville; and Benjamin F., who resides at Indianapolis, Ind. John H. is in the insurance business with offices on Broadway. James J. is superintendent of Greenville schools, taught for eleven years, and on April 7, 1908, was elected superintendent of schools and is now serving his sixth year as superintendent.

Adelbert Martz is a product of Greenville where he was reared and educated, being graduated from the grammar and high schools, leaving the latter in 1887. Immediately thereafter he entered upon his financial career as a messenger boy for the Greenville National Bank, seeking in this way to learn the business from the bottom up. The natural ability and dependable qualities of the lad received recognition and he was promoted in due time to be bookkeeper and teller, and in 1893 was made assistant cashier, which office he retained until the death of F. T. Conklin, the cashier. Mr. Martz was the logical man for the vacant position and was immediately promoted to fill it, the action on the part of the board of directors receiving the approbation of the patrons of the bank who appreciated the sterling qualities of Mr. Martz. The old Greenville Bank is one of the sound institutions of Darke county, and was established in 1874, as a private bank, developing into a state bank in 1889, and assumed its present form in 1904 with a capital stock of $100,000. Much of its present standing is due to Mr. Martz, who is a past master of its affairs, and one of the most thoroughly informed men upon banking matters in this part of the State.

On May 20, 1891, Mr. Martz was married to Miss Lillian Gable, a daughter of Lucian and Mary A. (Scott) Gable. Mr. and Mrs. Martz have had two children: Joseph A. and Beatrice. Both Joseph and Beatrice are graduates of the Green-

ville High School. Joseph was graduated in 1909, and Miss Beatrice in 1911. Joseph later attended the Ohio State University and is now in his senior year. He is taking a ceramics engineering course. Miss Beatrice is now in her third year at the Ohio State University. Mrs. Martz is and has been for years a member of the Columbian Club. Mr. and Mrs. Martz are members of the Methodist Church and are highly esteemed in that connection. He belongs to the Knights of Pythias and is active in that order. A Republican, he has cast the strength of his influence for the candidates of his party, although himself not being willing to assume the duties of public office, believing that his energies ought to be conserved for those of his responsible position.

CORNELIUS O'BRIEN.

With a natural love of flowers, Cornelius O'Brien combines a practical knowledge of their needs and the best methods for producing them. As a florist he has earned a well-merited distinction and his greenhouses are noted throughout Darke county, although they are little more than a decade old. He is conveniently located at No. 146 North Broadway, Greenville, Ohio, and markets his product over a wide territory. Mr. O'Brien was born in Neave township, near Baker's store, Darke county, Ohio, January 1, 1864, a son of Cornelius and Louisa (Bryant) O'Brien, and grandson of Cornelius and Margaret (Ryan) O'Brien, and Joseph and Margaret (Adams) Bryant. Cornelius O'Brien, the grandfather, was born in Ireland and lost his wife prior to his leaving his native land for America. His death occurred in New York State. Their children were: Michael, Patrick, James, Cornelius, Ellen, Maggie, Bridget and Mary Ann. Joseph Bryant, the maternal grandfather, and his wife were natives of England, where he died while a minister of the Established Church. His widow came to America and was a resident of Darke county, Ohio, for a number of years, dying there in 1873, when about seventy years old. She and her husband had three children: Jennie, Albert and Louisa.

Cornelius O'Brien, the father, was born in County Tipperary, Ireland, while his wife was born in Somersetshire, England. The father was reared in his native land until he was eighteen

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Martin, another of our early pioneers, and whose sketch appears among the biographies in this work. James W. obtained his education in the public school of Greenville, and at 18 years of age was apprenticed to learn the harness-maker's trade, serving three years; he then went to Richmond, where he worked two years, from there to Illinois; he then returned to Greenville in 1869, and engaged in the above business for himself and continued the same till 1880, when he sold out on account of ill health. His marriage with Fannie Jones was celebrated in Greenville, May, 1875; she was born in Darke Co., in 1848; they have one child, Jessie W.

JOHN FOSTER MARTIN; P. O. Greenville. John Foster Martin was born in Washington Township, Darke Co., in the year 1852; his parents, John Holmes and Casandra Chenoweth Martin, were among the oldest pioneers of this township, having settled here in 1819. The subject of this sketch, during the earlier years of his life, followed the vocation of a farmer, but having a natural predilection for literary attainments, he entered the Miami University at Oxford, Ohio, where, after pursuing the regular course of studies, he graduated in 1873. Having determined upon the law as his profession, he pursued the study of the same one year, then attended the Cincinnati Law School, where, in 1875, he graduated, and in April of the same year was admitted to practice. In the following summer, he located in Logansport, Ind., in the practice of his profession; but after an experience of six months, the confinement of a law office not agreeing with his inclinations, he abandoned the practice, and engaged in running a flouring-mill. Following this for two years, he next turned his attention to saw-milling; and after continuing in this for about a year and a half, he resumed the honorable and independent occupation of a farmer, at which he is at present engaged.

JOHN G. MARTINI, merchant, Greenville; of the firm of Biltemeier & Martini, manufacturers and dealers in boots, shoes and rubber goods, etc., etc.; he was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, in 1827, where he was apprenticed to and worked at the shoemaker's trade until 24 years of age; he then emigrated to America, landing in New York in the spring of 1852, and, upon the 26th of September following, came to Greenville, where he followed his trade until April 11, 1864, at which date he associated with his present partner in the above business. His marriage with Maria M. Werner was celebrated Feb. 16, 1854; she was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, in 1831; they have three children now living, viz., Jacob F., Katrina B. and Henry P.

JACOB TEUCHNAN MARTZ, lawyer and educator, Greenville; born in Darke Co. Sept. 14, 1833; he is the son of John Martz, who was born in Somerset Co., Penn., in 1798, and settled in Darke Co. in 1829, and now, at the age of 81, is living with his son in Greenville; his wife, Barbara Hardinger, a native of Bedford Co., Penn., died in 1841. Our subject was early trained to self-reliance, and, when but a lad, started out to make his own living as best he could; he obtained the rudiments of an English education in the common schools of his neighborhood, chopping and hauling wood to pay for his tuition; at the age of 18, he began teaching in the country schools, and, by this means and by manual labor, he had accumulated $250 at the time he became of age; he then entered the Ohio Wesleyan University, at Delaware, for the scientific course, and graduated in the summer of 1856, and of his educational fund had left $3.50; during the five succeeding years, he was engaged in teaching in his native county, within which time he studied law, under the preceptorship of Judge D. L. Meeker, of Greenville, and was admitted to the bar in 1861. In the spring of 1862, he was elected Superintendent of the public schools of Greenville; in August, 1865, he was appointed Receiver of the Cincinnati & Mackinaw Railroad, which occupied his time for nearly five years; in 1871, he was elected to his present position of Superintendent of the Greenville public schools. In September, 1860, he married Miss Esther M., daughter of James M. Jamison, of Delaware, Ohio; four sons are the issue of this union. Prof. Martz has been for some years the President of the Darke Co.

Teachers' Association, in the organization of which he was prominently active. For twenty years, he has been on the Board of County Examiners, and was for several years Secretary of the county agricultural society. Prof. Martz is one of those who learn the value of a dollar by earning it; by untiring industry, he has acquired a good education and a comfortable competency, and during his career has won and kept the good will of his neighbors; no one questions his integrity or ability; he is somewhat reserved in his manner, but is socially very agreeable

WILLIAM HENDRICKSON MATCHETT, physician and surgeon, Greenville; was born in Butler Co., Ohio, March 9, 1825. His parents were Eric Matchett and Johanna Hendrickson, natives of Monmouth Co., N. J.; in 1820, the family came to Butler Co., Ohio, and in the spring of 1831, settled in Darke Co.; Mr. Matchett followed the occupation of farmer and miller; energy, industry and honesty were the prominent traits in his character; he died in Greenville, in June, 1867, and his wife on July 20, 1839. For two years, young William, then 14 years of age, carried the mails between Hamilton and Greenville on horseback; by working, teaching and attending school, as circumstances would permit, he acquired a good education for his day; at the age of 22, he commenced the study of medicine while engaged in teaching, and was, at different times, under the instruction of Dr. Jaqua, of Darke, and Drs. Cox and Lineweaver, of Preble Co.; he attended lectures at the Cleveland Medical College, and graduated from the Ohio Medical College in Cincinnati, in 1851; in September, 1851, he commenced practice in Ithaca, Darke Co.; on Feb. 8, 1863, he entered the army as Assistant Surgeon of the 40th O. V. I., and served as such till December, 1864; on March 1, 1865, he was promoted to Surgeon of the 186th O. V. I., and was mustered out in the following September; his first post of duty in the army was at Franklin Hospital, Tennessee, and he was subsequently placed on duty in the hospital of the First Division of the Fourth Corps of the Army of the Cumberland; in September, 1862, he located in Greenville; for many years, he has been a member of both the County and State Medical Societies; he has made his profession a specialty, and occupies an eminent rank among the physicians and surgeons of the State; he is also the author of a number of valuable contributions to the medical literature of Ohio. Dr. Matchett was married Dec. 2, 1852, to Miss Eleanora, daughter of William Lindsay, of Richmond, Ind., a lady of rare culture and refinement; there have been six children born to them, only three of whom are living: his eldest son died Aug. 5, 1877; he was a young man of great ability, and was foremost in his class at Cornell University, where he was soon to graduate, when death claimed him. Dr. Matchett is a Mason of long standing, being a member of Ithaca Lodge, R. A. Chapter of Greenville, and of Coleman Commandery, K. T., of Troy.

DAVID L. MEEKER, lawyer and Judge, was born in Darke Co. in 1827; he experienced a farmer's boyhood and received a meager common-school education, supplemented by a brief course of academic instruction; he taught school several winters; he read law with the late Judge Ebenezer Parsons, of Miami Co., and was admitted to the bar in 1851; in May, 1853, he opened a law office in Greenville; in 1856, he was elected Prosecuting Attorney for Darke County, and re-elected in 1858. In 1861, he was elected Common Pleas Judge of the first subdivision of the Second Judicial District, but resigned in 1866; in 1872, he was appointed by Gov. Noyes to fill a vacancy on the same bench, occasioned by the resignation of Judge J. C. McKenny, and, in 1873, he was elected to the same position without opposition; again, in 1878, upon the recommendation of all parties, he was unanimously elected. Judge Meeker has been twice married. In 1857, he married Miss Mary A. Deardorf, from which union were born eight children; she died in 1876. In 1878, he married Miss Jennie D. Crisler, of Eaton, Ohio. Politically, Judge Meeker is a Democrat; personally, he is a gentleman of correct views and strict integrity

A. T. MILLER, architect, Greenville; was born in German Township Dec.

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churches, and gives them material assistance. Not only is he serving on the public school board, but for the last twelve years he has been acting as a director of the Children's Home, and is a man of public spirit, who discharges his responsibilities ably and conscientiously.

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ISAAC MARKER. Among the citizens of Darke county whose lives have been devoted to agricultural pursuits is **Isaac Marker**, a well-known farmer of Van Buren township. He was born in Mercer county, Ohio, September 5, 1855, and when thirteen years of age came to Darke county with his parents, **George and Lydia (Epperell) Marker**, locating in Van Buren township, where lie grew to manhood, early becoming familiar with every department of farm work.

On the 1st of November, 1877, **Mr. Marker** was united in marriage with **Miss Mary Jane Shields**, who was born on her father's farm in Van Buren township, January 4, 1855, and was educated in the country schools of the neighborhood. They began their domestic life upon a farm of eighty acres which she owned, and there they have since made their home, **Mr. Marker** being engaged in its operation. In his political views he is a stanch Democrat, and he has been called upon to fill several local offices. **Mr. and Mrs. Marker** have eight children whose names and dates of birth are as follows: **Lucy**, born September 19, 1878; **George A.**, October 17, 1880; **Lydia Maud**, October 1, 1884; **Dolly Frances**, December 28, 1886; **Therman Russell**, December 10, 1889; **Mary**, May 12, 1893; **Harley Earle**, July 7, 1895; and **Homer Jennings,** December 26, 1898. **Mary** died in infancy, but the others are living and are still at home with the exception of **Lucy**, who was married August 12, 1899, to **Roy S. French**, and they have one child, **Rhoda Helen**.

JACOB T. MARTZ, lawyer and educator, Greenville, Ohio, was born in Darke county, Ohio, September 14, 1833. He is the son of **John Martz,** who was born in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, June 1, 1798, settled in Darke county in 1829, and died at the home of his son, January 5 ,1883, aged eighty-four years, seven months and four days. His wife, **Barbara Hardinger**, the mother of our subject, and a native of Bedford county, Pennsylvania, died in 1841.

Jacob T. Martz attended the Ohio Wesleyan University, at Delaware, at which institution he was graduated in June, 1856. During the nine succeeding years he was engaged in teaching, and superintending the schools of Greenville. During part of this time, and while engaged in teaching, he also read law under **Judge D. L. Meeker**, and was admitted to the bar in June, 1860. In March, 1865, he resigned the superintendency of the Greenville school and formed a law partnership with the **Hon. J. R. Knox**. In August, 1865, he was appointed receiver of the Cincinnati & Mackinaw Railroad Company, which work occupied his time for nearly five years. In 1871 the superintendency of the Greenville school was tendered to him without his solicitation. This he accepted, but at the end of that school year he asked to be relieved by the board of education from further supervision of the school, but his work had been done so well, having brought the schools out of a state of chaos, as it were, to one of order and efficiency, that the board prevailed upon him to continue his good work, which he did for seventeen consecutive years, and closed his labors as superintendent on the 1st of June, 1888. In this year the enumeration in the district was twelve hundred and eleven, and the enrollment in the school for the year was ten hundred and ninety-eight, showing that niney-one per cent of the entire enumeration was enrolled upon the school registers, while in efficiency the school stood second to none in the state. Under his supervision he saw the school grow so steadily that the corps of teachers was increased from four to twenty-two. When he took charge of the school there was no laboratory, no apparatus and no geological cabinet, except a few ordinary specimens, but in June 1888, over sic hundred dollars and been expended for educational philosophical apparatus of various kinds, and there was a large and convenient laboratory arranged with all the modern conveniences, geographical maps and globes, and physiological charts, enabling the teacher to illustrate and explain all the modern methods of teaching, together with a human skeleton procured, prepared an mounted by **Mr. Martz** and the janitor of the old school building, and which they have kindly permitted to remain in the laboratory, for the benefit of the students in physiology and hygiene. The cabinet containing various specimens of value, including the bones of the mastodon found in this county, and which are in a remarkable state of preservation, are the result of **Mr. Martz's** personal purchase and labor. During all these years, modern methods of teaching and government were introduced by the superintendent and adopted by the teachers, so that tardiness was measurably controlled by the teacher, and truancy, except in a few chronic cases, was almost a thing of the past. Order, system and good government prevailed in all the rooms and in the deportment of pupils, while improper language was seldom heard on the play-grounds, and so potent was the influence of the superintendent in maintaining order and decorum among the pupils on the play-ground that it became the pride of all, even the most combative element among the boys, the moment they reached the school grounds to stand upon their good behavior. The high school course of study contained no more branches than could be mastered by every pupil of ordinary intelligence in the five years given to complete the same, while the elocutionary drill and composition writing, in all the grades of which they were taught, strengthened the memory and exercised the reasoning faculties to the great benefit of the pupils. No partiality was shown in these exercises as all were expected to do their part.

The methods of graduation from the high school was **Mr. Martz**'s suggestion and it has been adopted by a least four union schools in this county, and the one hundred and four alumni, all graduated under his supervision, speak of good order, management and efficiency of the school. Superintendent **Martz** with two other teachers organized the Darke County Teachers' Association in 1859, and though for several years it struggled for existence, yet by his untiring energy and enthusiasm for its success it increased in numbers and interest almost beyond expectation. During the greater part of this time he presided over its deliberations. He was also a member of the board of county school examiners for about twenty-two years, and assisted greatly in advancing the qualifications of the teachers in the county.

He has also taken an active part in developing the resources of the county, and was for six years secretary of the Darke County

Agricultural Society, and was mainly instrumental in selling the old grounds of the society and purchasing the large and commodious grounds it now owns. For eight years he was secretary of the first building association organized in this county, having closed out the same, and he has been for more than eight years secretary of the largest company of the kind now doing business in the county. **Mr. Martz** has always manifested a deep interest in the moral and religious influences in the county, has for a long time been identified with the Methodist Episcopal church, ahs been superintendent of the Sabbath school for a number of years, and for more than eight years has been recording steward of its official board. For the past years he has been associated with his law partner of 1865 and the mayor of the city of Greenville in the legal profession. He has also assisted in all the local enterprises that were intended to advance the public good; has been associated with the trustees of the Greenville cemetery as their secretary sine 1865, and assisted in bringing about that order and system which ahs resulted in beautifying, adorning and enlarging those grounds to meet the public wants.

On September 19, 1860, he married **Miss Esther M.**, daughter of **James H. Jamison**, of Delaware, Ohio, with issue of four sons; **John H.,** born November 8, 1861; **Adelbert,** born September 28, 1868; **James J.,** born May 8, 1872, and **Benjamin F.**, born December 18, 1874. **John H.** is married and is engaged in farming and raising fine registered stock. **Adelbert** is also married and is teller of the Greenville Bank. **James and Benjamin F.** is engaged in farming his father's place.

URIAH MEDFORD. The commercial activity of New Weston is largely promoted through the enterprising efforts of **Mr. Medford**, who is engaged in the undertaking and farm implement business. He is also identified with agricultural interests, being the owner of one of the finest farms of Darke county. He was born in Wabash township, this county, on the 21st day of May, 1857, and is of English. lineage, his great-grandfather, **William Medford**, having been a native of England. His grandfather, **Charles Medford**, was a farmer of Darke county and died in this locality when about seventy years of age. He was twice married and reared a large number of children, but all of his children are now deceased. **George D. Medford**, the father of our subject, was born in Franklin. county, Ohio, December 6, 1827, and died in Kansas in 1893, at the age of sixty-six years. He wedded **Mary Ann Gates**, who was born in Chittenden county, Vermont, February 20, 1828, their wedding taking place October 26, 1847, in Ohio. There they began their domestic life upon a farm and. their union was blessed with six children, namely: **Myron C.**, of Dayton, Ohio, who has one son; **Matilda B.**, who became the wife of **J. M. Rose** and the mother of four children, and died in middle life; **Charles**, a. farmer of Wabash township, who has nine children, three sons and six daughters; **J. C.**, who is living in Darke county and has four children; **Uriah**, of this review; and Irene, the wife of **J. H. Spencer**, of Hollanshurg, by whom she has two children. After the death of the mother of these children **George D. Medford** wedded **Augenette Orput**, and they had two children, **George Guy** and **Stanley**, both of whom are residents of Kansas.

Mr. Medford, whose name stands at the head of this sketch, was reared to farm life on the old family homestead and enjoyed the educational privileges afforded by the common schools of the neighborhood. At the age of sixteen he started out in life on his own account and went to Buchanan county, Iowa, where he engaged in farming in connection with his eldest brother for four years. They then sold their property there and **Uriah Medford** went to the far west, spending two years in Washington and California. On the expiration of that period he returned to Ohio, and, wishing to better prepare himself for life's responsible duties, he pursued a course of study in the business college in Greenville. He then visited his father in Virginia and in the spring of 1882 he purchased a farm in Wabash township, which he cultivated through a tenant, with whom he made his home for some years.

On the 7th of October, 1886, **Mr. Medford** was united in marriage to **Linnie Cottrell**, of Wabash township, a daughter of **A. S. Cottrell**, who resides with **Mr. Medford**, his own wife having died, as well as nearly all of their children. **Mr. and Mrs. Medford** have lost their only child, an infant daughter. In his business affairs our subject has prospered and is today the owner of two hundred and twenty-one acres of rich and valuable land comprised within two farms in Wabash township and which are improved with good buildings and are under a high state of cultivation. He is also engaged in the farm implement business in New Weston, and in connection with **E. C. Richardson** js engaged in the undertaking business. His well directed efforts have been crowned with a high degree of success and all who are familiar with his straightforward business methods agree that his prosperity is well deserved. During the World's Fair in Chicago he was a member of the Columbian Guards. Both he and his wife hold membership, in the Methodist church, taking an active part in its work and he is serving as a steward and trustee. Socially he is a Master Mason, belonging to the lodge at Ansonia, and politically he is a Democrat. He has twice served as township assessor and for three terms was a justice of the peace. In both offices he discharged his duties with marked promptness and fidelity, and at all times he has been found true to every trust and obligation reposed in him. During the greater part of his life he has been a resident of Darke county, is familiar with its history, its progress and its upbuilding, and has given a hearty support to all measures calculated to promote the general welfare. In manner he is free from ostentation, is genial and courteous and the circle of his friends is extensive.

DAVID L. MEEKER. Perhaps the public record of no man in Darke county has extended over a longer period than that of Judge **David L. Meeker**, and certainly none has been more fearless in conduct, more faultless in honor and more stainless in reputation. He served for nearly twenty years as judge on the common pleas bench, and his career was marked by the utmost fidelity to duty, while a comprehensive knowledge of law and great accuracy in applying the principles of jurisprudence to the points in litigation won him high standing among the legal fraternity.

Judge Meeker was born in Darke county, Ohio, on the 18th of July, 1827, a son of **David M. and Nancy Ann (Miller) Meeker**. The former, a native of Newark, New Jersey, came to Ohio in 1802, when about ten years of age, and for a time worked in brickyards in Cincinnati. On attaining his majority he turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, following farming for a short time in Hamilton county, Ohio, whence he removed to Darke county, settling within its borders when it was a wild region almost on the extreme limit of frontier civilization. There the remainder of his life was passed in the work of transforming the wilderness

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